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Safe at the Plate host Walt Wiley greets the audience. Walt served as chaplain of the Atlanta Braves from 1980-1994.



The Wit & Wisdumb of Walt Wiley



The lead article in this edition of *The Winner* describes the results of an outreach we did on September 9 at First Baptist Church, Woodstock, GA. Actually the idea was conceived a few years ago. That idea: invite a few players who were part of the 1991-1992 Atlanta Braves to come and share inside stories of those historic days. Since the men we wanted to invite to speak were Christians, we would also ask them about their relationship with the Lord and then

take the opportunity to challenge the audience to receive Christ. Clean, simple, fun! Good idea . . . go for it!

Problem: Where do we hold it? After months of investigating we were encouraged to approach the staff

of First Baptist Church in Woodstock. Even though they didn't know us they listened to our dream, heard our goals and saw our hearts. When we finished I heard this: "This sounds as if it will fit under our *Just For You* program. We want to help you make it happen." It was then I realized that these people had a unique view of all the things

God had given them. Be it facilities, money, staff or programs, it is there . . . *Just For You*. How refreshing. We hear that too infrequently.

Have you noticed in our society you are applauded if you can get there first, get ahead of them, get the best table, the best seat, or make the most money? Have you noticed how little it takes to make us feel we are being inconvenienced? Let's decide to live differently today. It's a choice. I can choose what is most convenient, beneficial, time sensitive, productive or best for me. Or, I can eat a little later, lose some sleep, not make as much, sit in the back, park further away, arrive later, take less, or be crowded. Today, make the choice to do something not for you but for someone else.

Want to know where that *Just For You* stuff comes from and was modeled? Can you recall what Jesus said about His reason for giving up the pleasures of heaven and coming to earth? He said He came here for the sake of those who need Him. Actually, the way He put it was, "I came to seek and the save those who are lost." In another place He said, "I came to give you life . . ." Notice the focus was not on Him but on others. Lord, why did you come here? "Just For You!"

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First Baptist
Church,
Woodstock GA,

September 9, 2006 — On a beautiful

late summer morning a large audience of baseball fans gathered to hear extraordinary recollections from several key members of the 1991 and 1992 National League Champion Atlanta Braves. The program was filled with laughter, insights, and some of the most inspiring stories ever told by Major League baseball players.

*It was great and such a blessing!
I'm so glad I found out about it and
was able to attend.*

J.T., Woodstock GA

Safe at the Plate featured SID BREAM, GREG OLSON, TERRY PENDLETON, JOHN SMOLTZ and RON GANT. Representing the next generation of Atlanta Brave players was surprise guest JEFF FRANCOEUR. The event included TOM GLAVINE bringing greetings via video and messages sent by MARK LEMKE and CHARLIE LEIBRANDT. The host for the event was WALT WILEY—who had the fun but challenging task of keeping the program on track.

*It meant a lot to me as a dad to
have my son see and hear these men
tell how God works in their lives to
bring peace and comfort.*

M.H., Peachtree City GA

goes on behind the scenes. The players were so comfortable telling anecdotes and laughing—that it was like they were in your own living room reminiscing!

More than just baseball recollections, each man shared from his heart—offering touching stories of persistence, team work, integrity and friendship. Most of all, they gave evidence of how God has made the most significant impact in their lives. No one in the audience was left untouched by the sincerity of six men who shared their answer to the deepest of all needs.

Now you can experience this awesome event on DVD!

For more information or to order, visit www.safeattheplate.org or call toll free 888-993-1997. An ideal gift for baseball fans of all ages.



Gathering before the event are (l-r) Terry Pendleton, Sid Bream, Walt Wiley, Greg Olson, and John Smoltz.



▶ Terry Pendleton shares a touching story of the enormous impact Sid Bream had on his life. Pictured from left are Ron Gant, Jeff Francoeur, John Smoltz, Sid Bream, Terry Pendleton, Greg Olson and Walt Wiley.

▶ Jeff Francoeur (second from left) playfully tells the others that he was in kindergarten when they played in the World Series in 1991! He indicated he couldn't watch much of the World Series games since he had to be in bed.



▶ Johnny Hunt, Senior Pastor of First Baptist Woodstock, thanks the audience for enthusiastically supporting *Safe at the Plate*.

▶ Sid Bream jokingly indicated the number of stolen bases by current Atlanta Brave Jeff Francoeur in 2006. Due to injuries, Sid was often thought to be a slow runner—but Terry Pendleton pointed out that Sid once stole 13 bases in a season!



DON'T FORGET TO TAKE US WITH YOU...

If you have recently moved or are planning a move, please contact us with your new address. We don't want to lose you. Email us at info@wwministries.org or call us toll free at 888-993-1997 and leave a message.



This issue of *The Winner* includes an information piece about the various ministry opportunities presented by WWE. Please take a moment to look it over. Perhaps your church or ministry could use one of our Bible-based seminars on leadership, marriage, encouragement, or the skills needed to work with people who may not be like you. Each seminar is described in more detail on our website at www.wwministries.org.

What's Happened Recently

JULY



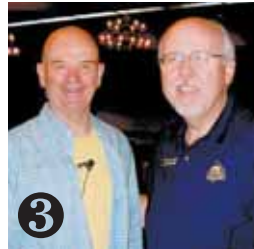
❶ In July David spoke at the Southern Tier Bible Conference in Binghamton NY on the topic of evangelism. Host Russ Smith and family are pictured with David.

❷ While on a cruise to Cozumel Mexico David presented *How To Encourage* to the leadership staff of Dallas 1 Construction. Pictured at the back of the Carnival Cruise Ship Inspiration are the participants and their families.



❸ Pictured with Walt is Doug Restrick, Director of Programming at Sandy Cove Conference Center, North East MD, where Walt spoke.

❹ Walt was the speaker at Pro Athletes Outreach "Coaches Time Out" in Detroit MI. Pictured left to right are PAO staff members Norm and Bobbe Evans along with Frank Tanana and Jeff Totten.



AUGUST



❶ Just before classes began, David presented *Solving the People Puzzle* for the faculty and staff of Davidson Academy in Nashville TN. The tall one in the center is not a staff member—although he does serve effectively as the school mascot.

❷ David was dropped off in a limousine at Carrabba's Grill—where he would teach *How to Encourage!* Bart Azzarelli of Dallas 1 Construction (pictured with David) utilizes the colorful limousine to promote the March 2007 Luis Palau Festival in Tampa FL.

❸ Walt and David (pictured with camp director Charlie Reed, center) taught *The Look of the Leader* at Rumney (NH) Bible Conference.

SEPTEMBER



❶ Patti and Walt taught the marriage seminar at Rockpointe Community Church in Sterling Heights MI. Karen Hanks (2nd from left) organized the seminar. ❷ Dan and Mary Sue Monahan hosted Walt and Patti for the seminar.

❸ Walt taught *The Encouragement Seminar* and *The Look of the Leader* at Canyon Ferry Road Baptist Church in East Helena MT. Pictured with Walt is Pastor B.G. Stumberg.

❹ Walt taught *The Encouragement Seminar* to the Detroit (MI) Rescue Mission staff, some of whom are pictured here. The event was organized by Larry Johnson.



Two Great Travel Opportunities

A SPECIAL INVITATION TO MINISTRY LEADERS

A Familiarization Pilgrimage to Israel designed for the busy, price-conscious ministry leader is being produced by Winning With Encouragement and Bible Oriented Tours. It's a step-in-step-out opportunity to visit the most popular Biblical sites in Israel.

Dates: February 26– March 5, 2007

Price: only \$999 out of Newark, NJ (spouses \$1149)

Join Walt Wiley and Micha Ashkenazi for a week that will educate and inspire. Return with a new perspective on the Bible, your ministry and your own walk. *Visit all the details at wweministries.org.*

WWE TO REVISIT ISRAEL, JORDAN AND THE SINAI

Dates: May 25—June 8, 2007.

Winning With Encouragement is making plans to conduct a pilgrimage to Israel in 2007. The program will feature a nine-day visit to all the sites of Israel—from the Sea of Galilee to the streets of Jerusalem, from the Mediterranean Sea to the back roads of the Golan Heights, from Herod's Palace at Caesarea to the reminder of a stable in Bethlehem. We'll see it all. And our program will make each sight and Bible story come to life.

At the conclusion of our visit to Israel there will be an optional tour to the fascinating country of Jordan with stops in Amman, Mataba, through the siq that can only be Petra, and a view of Israel from Mt. Nebo. Then it's on to the Red Sea and the sands of the Sinai where we will be involved in an early morning climb of Mt. Sinai. If you do this you will talk about it the rest of your life. *All the details are on our website or we are only a phone call away.*



⑤ Camp Del Oro, nestled in the beautiful foothills of the Sierra Nevada near Nevada City CA, was the setting of a lay leadership retreat David conducted for The Salvation Army. When he wasn't teaching *The Encouragement Seminar* David was bewildered by his consistent last place finishes in highly competitive rounds of Yahtzee.

⑥ Over the course of six Wednesday evenings David presented "Finding Encouragement in a Discouraging World" at Peachtree City (GA) Christian Church. Some of the participants are seen here including COL Sanders (actually that's Andy Holcombe in front of David!).

What's Happening Next

DATE	ORGANIZATION	EVT	SPK
Oct 1-5	FCCI Int'l Conference Pasadena CA	GEN	WW
Oct 9-11	Tuscarora Christian Conf Prime Timers Mt. Bethel PA	FEDW	DH
Oct 12-13	ORUEF Teachers Conference Charlotte NC	LofL	W/D
Oct 18-20	Evans Service Co. Elmira NY	CON	DH
Oct 20-22	First Bible Church Decatur AL	MAR	W/P
Oct 23	Bellmere Bible Study Duluth GA	FEDW	WW
Oct 27-29	Eastside Baptist Church Marietta GA	LofL	WW
Oct 28	Branford Evangelical Free Ch Branford CT	LEG	DH
Oct 30	Bellmere Bible Study Duluth GA	FEDW	WW
Nov 3-5	Harvey Cedars Bible Conf. Harvey Cedars NJ	MAR	W/P
Nov 6	Bellmere Bible Study Duluth GA	FEDW	WW
Nov 13	Bellmere Bible Study Duluth GA	FEDW	WW
Nov 14	Grace Baptist Church Binghamton NY	GEN	WW
Nov 15	Dr. Kenneth VanDine offices Wellsville NY	BROT	DH
Nov 17-18	Church of the Open Door York PA	MAR	W/P
Nov 20-21	ACSI Teacher Conference Orlando FL	HTE	WW
Nov 20-21	ACSI Teacher Conference Dallas TX	ENC	SK
Jan 15-18	Team RFC Annual Staff Training Conf. Mt. Bethel PA	GEN	WW
Jan 22-24	The Salvation Army Officers Council Cincinnati OH	FEDW	DH
Jan 25-27	ORUEF Administrators Conf. Charleston SC	ENC	W/D
Jan 30-Feb 2	The Salvation Army Rancho Palos Verdes CA	LofL	DH
Feb 1-2	ACSI Galveston TX	ENC	WW
Feb 9-10	Maximum Man Conference Jackson TN	GEN	WW
Feb 9-11	NorthStar Church Kennesaw GA	MAR	DH
Feb 16-17	Ministry to the Military Kaiserslautern Germany	LofL	DH
Feb 16-18	Eastside Baptist Church Marietta GA	MAR	W/P
Feb 20	So. Baptist Camping Assoc. Leesburg FL	GEN	WW
Feb 23-24	Idlewild Baptist Men's Retreat Tampa FL	GEN	WW
Feb 26-Mar 5	WWE Familiarization Tour to Israel		WW

EVENTS KEY:

ENC = The Encouragement Seminar
 CON = Consulting
 GEN = General
 HTE = How to Encourage
 LofL = The Look of the Leader
 MAR = Marriage Seminar
 LEG = Leaving a Legacy
 BROT = Building a Results Oriented Team
 FEDW = Finding Encouragement in a Discouraging World

SPEAKERS:

DH = David Hodge
 W/D = Walt & David
 W/P = Walt & Patti
 WW = Walt Wiley
 SK = Steve Keyes

Review more of WWE's schedule at www.wweministries.org